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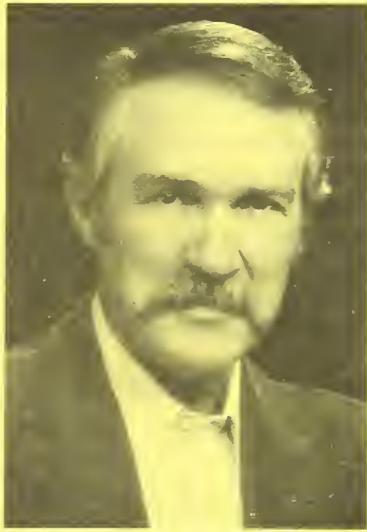


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The Northern Region Welcomes New Forest Supervisors

Custer National Forest



Curtis Bates

for the Del Norte District, Rio Grande NF, then served as Range Staff Officer for the Nebraska NF. Next he moved to the White River NF as Deputy Forest Supervisor.

Bates has been active in fire management throughout his Forest Service career, and served as Incident Commander for the Rocky Mountain Region's Type 1 team for the past 10 years. His wife, Louise, works for the Bureau of Land Management. The couple has three grown children. Bates will report to his new position November 7.

Bitterroot National Forest



Bertha Gillam

Curtis Bates, Deputy Forest Supervisor of the White River NF in Region Two since 1985, has been named Supervisor of the Custer NF. A veteran of 25 years with the Forest Service, Bates, is a range/forestry graduate of Oklahoma State University. He began his Forest Service career on the Mendocino and Stanislaus NFs. He served on the Black Hills NF, first as resource assistant on the Pactola District, then as Ranger for the Paintrock District. In 1977 he was named Ranger

The new Forest Supervisor of the Bitterroot NF, Bertha Gillam, follows Bob Morgan, who held the position for the past 14 years. Gillam was formerly Deputy Forest Supervisor of the Wasatch-Cache NF. A native of Missouri, she holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in botany/biology and botany/ecology from Montana State University.

She started her Federal career in 1974 with the U.S. Geological Service. She began working for the Forest Service in 1977 as a botanist on the Bighorn NF, Sheridan Wyoming. She later served as a member of the planning staff and was group leader for the land classification team. Subsequent assignments have included range conservationist, Roosevelt NF, Greeley, Colorado (1979-81), and resource staff assistant, Bearlodge Ranger District, Black Hills NF (1981-83). From 1983-86 she was District Ranger on the Custer Ranger District, Black Hills NF, and from there she moved to her position on the Wasatch-Cache NF.

Bob Morgan - 44 Years a Forester

Reviewing Bob Morgan's career reads like an exciting novel. At 17, in 1939, when he graduated from High School, he signed up for a special Forest Service program to train people for working in the woods and firefighting. From this beginning, and throughout his career, an inbred love of the forest guided his life. Morgan was not adverse to conflict. It seemed to be everywhere he went, and he had a way of dealing with it very well. One of the controversies Morgan helped solve was that of timber harvest vs. wilderness in the Big Lincoln Backcountry (now the Scapegoat Wilderness). As Supervisor of the Helena NF, he stood strong against agency opinion, in support of public sentiment, and held off road building in the area until passage of the Scapegoat Wilderness Act of 1972. He met another controversy when he became Supervisor of the Bitterroot NF - resolving conflicts between commodity groups and conservation groups who objected to terracing and clear-cutting practices on the Forest.

"He had a special way of being able to sit down and visit with folks and bring a sense of consensus on what should happen," said Regional Forester John Mumma. "He was an inspiration to all of us."

"He listened to people and tried to work out agreements and solutions with them," said Arnold Bolle, dean emeritus of the University of Montana School of Forestry. "He had a deep concern for the forest and its proper management and getting people to work together on it."

Bob Morgan died October 15 after a serious illness, just one day after his retirement, clocking in 44 years with the Forest Service. He was 66.

In recent months Bob had been working on a fascinating history of his early days with the Forest Service. He describes working summers during college years at the old CCC camp near Ninemile Remount Station (west of Missoula), where he was on a fire fighting crew, and at Priest Lake District on the Kaniksu NF, where he was first a lookout, then a one-man trail crew keeping company with a pair of bears.

After three years in the Army Air Corps, he returned to college at the University of Montana, and summers at Camp Menard at Ninemile, this time as a smokejumper. This excerpt from Morgan's journal samples his adventures there.



Bob Morgan as a checkscaler, Kaniksu NF.
Photo by W.E. Steuerwald, 1950.



Bob Morgan.
Photo by Shirley Marsh, 1985.

"My chute opened inside out, and the wind caught me immediately, and I sailed helplessly down the South Fork of Big Creek like the tail on a kite. Some things you notice at a time like that. The vegetative cover of the entire South Fork drainage is 98% solid granite. Some way or other I managed to stay in the canyon and away from the cliffs and finally landed down through a little bunch of spruce trees in the bottom—falling backward over a blowdown stump-shot and knocking myself out. I don't know for how long, but long enough for Earl Cooley to also have dropped my partner...."

After earning a B.A. in forestry, Morgan worked on the Kaniksu NF, then was Assistant Ranger, both at Sullivan Lake District, Colville NF, and Bonners Ferry District, Kaniksu NF. He served as Ranger on the Calder and Palouse Districts, St. Joe NF, and was Assistant Supervisor on the Flathead NF. In 1960 he moved to the Intermountain Region as head of Employee Development and Safety. He was Supervisor of the Helena NF from 1961 until 1974, when he became Supervisor of the Bitterroot NF.

Morgan received a number of awards including the Environmental Awareness and Achievement Award from the Rocky Mountain Center on Environment, Denver; a Superior Service Award from the USDA; and a Special Achievement Award from the Forest Service. In 1982 Morgan was named a fellow in the Society of American Foresters in recognition of his more than 30 years of service in the professional society - an honor granted to less than 5 percent of the membership.

Those who knew Bob Morgan, respected him as one who would listen well and work cooperatively with others. As one of his employees said, "You didn't work for Bob Morgan, you worked with him."

Six In Region Get Superior Service Awards

Chief Dale Robertson presented USDA Superior Service Awards to six Region One employees at a special Honor Awards ceremony in Washington D.C. last June.

Tom Kovalicky, Forest Supervisor on the Nez Perce NF, was one of the recipients. He was honored for his work in developing and marketing a national system to revitalize and strengthen the Forest Service Fisheries Program.

Gary Kellogg, Charles Scott and Glenn Koepke, Nez Perce NF Native American Program Coordinators, were awarded for their individual and group efforts in improving relationships with the Nez Perce Indian Tribe and the Nez Perce NF.



Tom Kovalicky and Chief Robertson



Gary Kellogg, Charles Scott and Glenn Koepke with Chief Dale Robertson



Dan Bailey and Chief Robertson

Dan Bailey, Zone Fire Management Officer, Lolo NF, received his award for outstanding leadership in getting interagency cooperation and coordination in fire prevention and suppression, and for his work with the National Fire Protection Association.

Art Jukkala of Missoula Technology and Development Center, received his award for formulating new concepts for characterizing the moisture-sensitive performance properties of paperboard, and for creating unique test methods and equipment for firefighters.



Art Jukkala and Chief Robertson

Idaho Panhandle National Forests

New Interpretive Site

From information submitted by Bob Shackelford

An interpretive site is in the making at Sam Owen Campground on Sandpoint Ranger District. A unique bathhouse/commissary, built there in the 1940's, is still in use today. The history of this structure, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Emergency Relief Administration, and the Forest Service, will be displayed, as well as some interesting history of the area.



Sam Owen Campground lies on the edge of beautiful Lake Pend Oreille near Hope, Idaho. A sandy beach and boat launch contribute to the site's popularity; about 30,000 people visit this campground each year. The addition of an historical interpretation area will complement the facility well. A dedication ceremony is planned for next spring.

Much of the historical information has already been gathered, thanks to the work of Chuck Peterson, former engineering technician on the Sandpoint District (Peterson died last June). However help is needed from any readers who know details about the CCC or ERA folks who worked on the building in 1941-42. If you have any information or photographs, please call archeologist Cort Sims (208) 765-7306 or drop a line to him on the Idaho Panhandle NFs.

Forest Hosts Ecopac/Ecodata Workshop

by Pat Green, Soil Scientist

ECODATA: Better resource information for better management

Recently, the Nez Perce NF hosted a workshop to introduce forest resource managers to Ecodata and Ecopac. These are part of a unique Region One program to systematically gather, analyze, and display resource information. This program is the work of Wendel Hann, regional ecologist, Mark Jensen, quantitative ecologist, and Bob Keane, contract ecologist.

Workshop participants learned how Ecodata sampling methods could be linked to stand exams or other resource assessments to provide data critical to multi-resource planning. This is information that can be gathered efficiently, shared among users, and withstand scientific scrutiny. It can be linked to existing data bases and geographic information systems, and can be used to calibrate prediction models.

Data gathered is entered into a Data General data base using the Ecopac data entry packages available from the R-1 library. Ecopac offers several analytical programs. REPORT presents the data in

tabular format that's easy to read. STRATA examines data for differences between any group of plots specified, and summarizes the data. FORAGE displays forage values for livestock and wildlife. FORSUM predicts changes in plant cover over time since disturbance. FUEL helps the user construct a fuel model using site and vegetation, or fuel transect data. HIDE2 determines hiding cover. SCORE scores plots based on their similarity to an undisturbed stand.

Workshop participants learned how information can be used for area analysis or development of environmental assessments to compare resource values for different management alternatives or different sites. Forest managers can use Ecodata not only to better describe the desired future condition of our National Forests, but to point the way to management practices that will best reach and maintain that condition.

Flathead National Forest

Oldtimers Share Memories

by Kathy McKay, Cultural Resource Technician



Lawrence Staab assumed he would not recognize anyone at the Flathead NF's Oldtimers Picnic held August 27. After all, he hadn't worked for the Forest since the 1920s. But sure enough, Staab found several old acquaintances with whom to exchange memories, some whom he hadn't seen for decades.

The Forest's 7th annual Oldtimers Picnic brought together about 50 recent and long-time retirees and their families who still live in the Flathead Valley. The picnic was held at the Big Creek Work Center on the North Fork of the Flathead River, where some of the retirees had been based in years past.

The food was delicious, the memories abundant. Picnickers compared this summer's fires with local fires of 1929 and 1967 as they munched potato salad at the base of fire-scarred Huckleberry Mountain. By popular demand, the Flathead NF Oldtimer's Picnic will be held again next year.

Region

Picnic A Success

About 350 people attended the second annual regional picnic at Seeley Lake Ranger Station in July. It was a gorgeous, sunny day at the Lake. There were canoe races, several games and races for kids, a volleyball tournament, and lots and lots of wonderful food and good companionship. The roast pork was outstanding and plentiful. Seeley Lake District folks deserve cheers for

their fine job of hosting the event, especially Dolly Hill, who played a big part in organizing it. Most events have some glitches. The only one that was obvious here was the canoe race, which had to be held twice when contestants complained directions weren't clear. Some went to the left, some to the right, and some tipped over. It was interesting to watch!



Volunteers Clear Lewis & Clark Trail, Cayuse Airstrip

by Elayne Murphy, Public Affairs Specialist

Thanks to volunteers, five more miles of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail are now open and available for public use. The Orofino Boy Scouts, the North Idaho Children's Home of Lewiston, Idaho, and the Kamiah Youth Conservation Corps, have each adopted sections of the trail to maintain. Recently 14 boys, ages 11-13, continued an almost decade-old tradition of volunteer trail work on a 2-mile portion of trail near Lolo Creek Campground. Earlier in the summer, six boys, ages 14-17, were the first to volunteer from the North Idaho Children's Home since adopting two miles of trail last spring. The boys cleared a one-mile stretch of trail that had not been cleared in over 20 years.

As for the volunteers, the effort was more than one of trail maintenance—it included an effort to understand the history of the area. The group's campsite at Lolo Creek Campground was near the Lewis and Clark Grove campsite utilized by Captain Clark September 19, 1805, on his journey west. It was the perfect setting for a



North Idaho Children's Home volunteers clear trail.

presentation by the Forest's Duane Annis, North Fork Ranger District, on the hardships experienced by the expedition and the expedition's importance.

In another volunteer project, 95 people, some from as far away as Florida, gathered at the Cayuse Airfield on North Fork Ranger District, in July, to help clear trails, install water drains in trails, clear scenic overlooks and install hitch rails for horses. They also picked up trash, repainted signs, cleared brush from an historic grave, and placed a visitors register on top of 7930-foot Rhodes Peak.

The effort was part of the Forest's 1988 "Take Pride in America" program—a national public awareness campaign to encourage everyone to take pride in the Nation's natural and cultural resources.

Volunteers were treated to a dinner and breakfast from a field kitchen, and an evening campfire program on the colorful history of the Cayuse area, presented by Forest archeologist Karl Roenke.

Lolo National Forest

Friends and Strangers Help in Crisis With Money and Annual Leave

by Kay Enyeart, Lolo National Forest

In June, 1988, a special plea for help was put out on the Seeley Lake District to help fellow employee Jim Blackburn and his wife, Lisa. Their son, Andrew, had been hospitalized since he was born last March with Severe Combined Immune Deficiency Syndrome (SCIDS). In May, when Andrew had to be flown to Sloan-Kettering Memorial Hospital in New York City for special treatment and analysis, Jim stayed behind in Seeley Lake where he is a Forestry Technician in charge of the recreation, campground, and back-country program. In mid-July when Andrew's condition became critical, Jim flew to New York to join his family.

Through a major effort of helping hearts and hands, a benefit auction, food sale, children's carnival and dance was held in early September raising \$15,000 to help cover the monumental medical expenses. Help came from all over the State. And help came from employees all over the Region in a way made possible by the newly established Leave Transfer Program. An astounding amount of annual leave has been transferred to Jim, allowing him to be with his family during their crisis. All those who have contributed from near and far are thanked whole-heartedly.

The following is a message from the Blackburn family to all in the Forest Service for donations, support, and prayers:

"When we left home last spring at the beginning of this nightmare, our friends and family asked what they could do to help us. We really felt that there was nothing anyone could do. It was just one of those situations in life where you have to go it alone. We thanked you all for being concerned and asked that you keep praying and thinking positively for everything to turn out all right. Now we realize how badly we underestimated you. You have given us one of the greatest gifts we could ever imagine. Because of your support, through our families and friends, the Forest Service, and the community of Seeley Lake, you've enabled us to stay together as a family throughout this ordeal. We can't begin to tell you how much this means to us. You have touched us very deeply and made us proud to be a part of you all. Thank you for believing in us, but more importantly, thank you for believing in Andrew."

Jim & Lisa Blackburn

October 1, 1988"

For details about the Blackbourns and their current status, contact Kay Enyeart, Lolo NF, 329-3750, or Data General: K. Enyeart: R01F16A. Further contributions may be sent to the Blackburn Benefit Fund, 1st Valley Bank, Seeley Lake, MT 59868.

Horses, Mules, and Packers In Today's Forest Service

Mules and horses still prove themselves a very important part of daily business in the Forest Service--packing tools and supplies to crews building trails and bridges, and to crews on wildfires. Packers and mules were especially busy this year, with the summer's fires and with extra trail work. They also earned recognition participating in an occasional parade.

Lolo National Forest

Packer School at Ninemile

Training began early last spring at Ninemile Ranger Station for mules and packers alike.

It wasn't an ordinary school. Class was held in the blacksmith shop; chairs were bales of hay. The students, preparing for jobs as packers or trail crew members, came from various parts of Montana, California, Washington and Oregon. Instructor Smoke Elser, well-known for his expertise with mules and packing, travels all over the country teaching it.



Instructor Smoke Elser shows how to load a manta on a mule. Photos by Deanna Riebe.

They started by learning the anatomy of a mule and animal first aid. They learned how to treat cuts and scrapes on the trail, how to clean bugs and beetles out of nostrils and ears and how to care for hooves. They learned about the Decker pack saddle, how to tie a horse, make a basket hitch, basket barrel, and diamond hitch, and what kind of equipment to take on a pack trip.

They practiced wrapping cargo in canvas (called a manta), learned how to catch a horse

and halter it, how to brush it, and where to stand when working on an animal--the "safety zone." Safety was emphasized frequently. They practiced putting a saddle on, adjusting it to fit the animal, and then loaded the cargo packs. The final exam was a pack trip in the woods, testing the skills they'd learned during the week.

"Keep talking to the mule and touch him so he knows where you are," said Smoke. "Always work in the safety zone." Dean Solheim, packer, trail crew boss, and manager of the remount facilities at Ninemile, assisted with the training.



Left, Sally Orr, Big Timber District, Gallatin NF and above, Jim Larkin, Livingston District, Gallatin NF and Vern Wooley, Stevensville District, Bitterroot NF, learn the right way to tighten a pack saddle.



Deerlodge National Forest

Horse Safety Session



Deerlodge NF Resource Coordinator demonstrates how to throw a diamond hitch. Photo by Ron Roginski.

A dozen Forest Service and Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks people attended the "Working Safety With Horses and Mules" session put on by the Deerlodge NF at the Philipsburg Ranger Station. The group learned the proper way to catch, saddle, tie, load, and ride horses. They also got an introductory course in livestock first-aid. The session ended with a demonstration of packing and minimum impact stock travel. Tom Griffith, George McClain, Garland Shaw, and Ron Gibson were the instructors.



Regan Dean, Ninemile District, loads his mule.

Packer school is held each spring at Ninemile Ranger Station, where a remount depot for Forest Service horses and mules was in full operation from 1930 to 1954. Although the remount depot was formally closed in 1954 because of the declining need for packers and packstrings, stock is still wintered there, and annual training is held for packers.

Flathead National Forest

Condon Work Center Reflects Care and Pride

by Madelyn Kempf, Public Affairs Assistant

The wide expanse of grass at the Flathead NF's Condon Work Center is neatly mowed—fences, signs and buildings in good repair and painted—new display boards dot the facility—quite an accomplishment in times of shrinking budgets and limited personnel.

Adequate maintenance at this busy work center on the Swan Lake Ranger District evolved through the ingenuity and determination of Fire Management Officer Doug Russell, who supervises the facility. Russell took advantage of several programs financed by State and Federal grants. Last December he hired Edna Kesterson and Harold Kehr who provide general maintenance under the Senior Workers Program. Their accomplishments include spreading over 18 gallons of paint on Bunkhouse "B" and the warehouse, sign painting, general clean-up of the grounds and buildings, and tool maintenance.

Other key employees were Mike Field, a volunteer who supervised the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), and Shawnee Jo Pringle, an SYEP crew member.

Russell developed an impressive list of projects for his

crews, including building a storage building at Holland Lake Campground, re-seeding and maintaining "hard-use" areas at the campground, and reconstructing the fence around the work center and the airport.

To accomplish these projects, Russell utilized funding from several State and Federal programs: the Older Workers Program; the Northwest District II Human Resource Council of Missoula County; the Senior Community Service Employment Program; the Summer Youth Employment Program; and the Forest Service Volunteer Program. "Without the hard work and dedication of these people," said Russell, "a lot of these projects would never get done."



Fire Management Officer Doug Russell found a way to hire maintenance crews for Condon despite shrinking budgets.



Condon Work Center, Swan Lake Ranger District. Photos by Madelyn Kempf.



Edna Kesterson, - "The woman who can do everything!"

Lewis and Clark National Forest

Judith Ranger Station Replica

by Jane Schmoyer-Weber, Public Information Officer

Sanford, Montana carpenter, Roy O'Laughlin and Judith District Ranger, Jerry Dombrowske, hold a replica of the Judith Ranger Station that O'Laughlin constructed after a visit to the structure, built in 1908. The three-story structure is complete with scale furniture, stoves found in a 1902 Sears catalog, and a roof with over 500 hand-made shingles. O'Laughlin began constructing replicas of historic buildings at retirement. The model is displayed for viewing in the Forest Service office in Stanford. The Judith Station is to be nominated for placement on the National Register of Historic Places.



Roy O'Laughlin (left) and District Ranger, Jerry Dombrowske hold Judith Ranger Station replica.

News Briefs

New Employee of the Month Program

The Gallatin NF's Civil Rights Action Group has started a program to recognize one employee each month who has made a significant contribution to the "quality of worklife" on the Forest. Dennis Havig, CRAG chairman said, "We want to recognize those individuals who make our jobs a little easier, our lives a little better, our attitudes a little more pleasant—someone who gives that little extra effort to make a positive difference in the quality of our worklife."

The first winner of this honor, nominated and selected by his fellow employees, was Carl Ronneberg, Big Timber District. One employee said of him, "Carl goes out of his way to be helpful in every way. He is extremely considerate; he is the rock of dependability..." Congratulations, Carl!

Betty Schmitt, Public Affairs Specialist

First-Class Ranching

The Jim Petik, Sr. family, permittees on the Grand River National Grassland, Custer NF, were selected as one of three outstanding ranching operations in South Dakota by the Society of Range Management. They had demonstrated sound grazing management practices and a good resource management philosophy. The ranching operation was sponsored by the Grand River Ranger District.

Tom Heintz, Ranger, Grand River District

SCSEP Employees Honored

Members of the Lochsa District Senior Community Service Employment Program on the Clearwater NF were honored at a Lochsa District meeting in July. Gordon Hawkins, Edna Savage, Fern Hardin, Barbara Gordon, Mae Sterner, Leroy Sinclair, Ralph Norton, and Cliff Prickett were presented certificates of appreciation and cash awards for sustained quality performance. Mel Fowlkes, supervisor of the program on the District, said the employees were recognized for high quality workmanship, dependability, and positive attitudes. He said the SCSEP employees contribute significantly to the maintenance of the Ranger Station, and the variety of talents they offer are valuable to the Forest Service.

Mel Fowlkes, Lochsa Ranger District

American Fisheries Society Awards District

Elk City Ranger District, Nez Perce NF, received special recognition from the American Fisheries Society (AFS) for their Crooked River Fish Habitat Improvement Project. The project, submitted to AFS in response to their challenge to demonstrate excellence in riparian habitat management, involved completely rebuilding a drainage, riparian area and fish habitat damaged from dredge mining in the 1930's and 40's. It involved leveling and removing high dredge berms from a flood plain, re-creating side channels for winter rearing habitat, and improving instream fish habitat with structures. Fisheries biologist Wayne Paradis, wildlife biologist Jeff Jones and fisheries biologist Don Hair were primarily responsible for the project.

New Phone Rules

Phone calls home are now allowed when in overnight travel status, or from the office, even though a toll call. Calls made during travel should be made at temporary duty site if possible (see your personnel office for exceptions), and should be brief (no longer than 10 minutes and no more than an average of one per day). Employees may also use government phones at their official station for brief calls home, or to physicians, schools, day care centers, or local government agencies, or to notify family of an injury or unanticipated overtime work, even if a toll is charged.

Video Wins Award

The video, "Fire For Elk," co-produced by the Selway District of the Nez Perce NF and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game received an Honorable Mention Award at the Eleventh Annual International Wildlife Film Festival in Missoula. The video presents the beneficial use of prescription burning to rejuvenate big game winter ranges of the Selway-Bitterroot elk herd. The video is available on loan through Steve Blair, Forest Wildlife Biologist, Nez Perce NF.

District Employee Receives Scholarship

Carol Engle, Range Conservationist Student Trainee on the Philipsburg District, Deerlodge NF, was awarded a \$1,000 Scholarship from the Soil and Water Conservation Society, one of only 12 given in the U.S. for the year. Carol, a senior in range science at Montana State University, is a coop-ed student.

Judy Bohrnsen, Support Services Spvsr, Philipsburg District

Fire Dispatcher Honored by Blackfeet Indians

Zail Chapman, dispatcher on the Lewis & Clark NF, was recently welcomed into the Blackfeet Tribe for his work with Indian firefighting crews over the past 35 years. He was given a buckskin certificate, which pictorially tells the story of his induction into the tribe, a Blackfeet Firefighters jacket and cap, and a new name - Mountain Bear.

Open House for R.O. Engineering

Regional Office Engineering recently held a very successful Open House for employees and retirees. Displays and tours touched virtually every facet of Engineering's vast program in the R.O., and attendees discovered the variety of skills and capabilities the department has. Thank you to Director Beryl Johnston and your entire staff for your special effort.

Lewis and Clark Trail

Lewis and Clark Trail fans may be interested in an article in the September issue of *Backpacker* magazine, called "Reriding History." The author, Dennis Coello, describes a bicycle tour through a part of the historic trail in northern Idaho. He also compliments Resource Assistant, Dennis Elliott, Powell Ranger District, for escorting him to the trailhead, and for his knowledge of the local history of the expedition.

T.V. Stars

Ed Morris, Fire Management Officer on the Salmon District, Nez Perce NF, and his wife, Linda, and daughter, Missy, were recently filmed as part of a feature on the ABC television show, "20/20." In May, 1965, Morris, as a Green Beret in Viet Nam, lost a buddy in combat. He made a commitment to contact his friend's family when he returned to tell them he died a hero and with no pain. The commitment was finally fulfilled recently when a business called "Friend Find" helped locate the soldier's family. Filming crews were in Grangeville, Idaho, in August, filming Ed on his job. Later he and his family were flown to Raleigh, North Carolina, where the reunion between he and his friend's family was filmed. Ed's story is scheduled for showing sometime in November.

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Retirements

June Grove, a Senior Community Service Employment Program (SESCP) employee at St. Maries District, Idaho Panhandle NF, retired September 9 after 11 years with the Forest Service. June plans to continue working as a volunteer senior companion for the Senior Citizens Program.

In Memoriam

Harry P. Gauld, former purchasing agent and contracting officer at the Regional Office from 1950 until his retirement in 1974, died September 26 in Missoula at age 73.

Robert Morgan, former Supervisor of the Bitterroot NF, died October 15 at age 66, after a serious illness. Morgan had just retired. (See page 2.)

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Gallatin National Forest

A Successful YCC Program

by John Dolan, District Ranger



Robert LaPlant, Human Resource Development Council enrollee, helps the YCC crew construct a jack-leg fence around a horse pasture.

Photo by John Dolan.

A six-person Youth Conservation Corps crew completed a safe and successful 1988 season on the Bozeman District. Crew leader, Richard Reardon, reports that enrollees Shane Amundson, Dan Brunkhorst, Ray Dumontier, Alison Jamison and Tera Jepson worked diligently and had lots of fun in the process. The crew built fences, installed sheep watering facilities, re-furbished the Battleridge Guard Station, constructed a fishing access trail, built fireline around a prescribed burn, provided campground maintenance and constructed stream structures to improve fish habitat.

Coming Events

Career Day - Smokejumper Recruitment

Because of the success of last year's program, the Aerial Fire Depot (AFD) in Missoula is conducting a second Smokejumper Career Day November 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Federal Women's Program and the Native American Program at the AFD, and is designed to encourage a broad diversity among smokejumpers.

Career Day will include an introductory slide show, a tour of the AFD explaining the smokejumper operation, a demonstration of a parachute simulation unit, and videos depicting smokejumpers in action. In the afternoon, workshops will be offered on how to fill out an application, how to qualify physically, and how to obtain the needed experience.

All sessions will begin in the assembly room at the AFD. Participants

should bring sack lunches since the cafeteria will not be open.

Anyone interested in the smokejumper operation is welcome to attend, as well as those considering a job possibility. For further information, contact George Johnson, 329-3996, Steve Clairmont, 329-4902, or Mary Fields, 329-4900.

Holiday Party

Everyone is invited to the second annual Northern Region Christmas Party in Missoula! Friday, December 9 is the day; 7 pm to midnight the time; the University Center Ballroom the place. Mark your calendars and come and enjoy hors d'oeuvres, a dance, and a good time. There will be door prizes and a short program. A 5-piece band, Sweet Smoke, will provide the music. All this for only \$5 per person, and a contribution of canned goods for a local food bank. Dress anyway you like for this fun night - casual to fancy! Call Homer Bowles (ext. 3603) or Judy Comstock (ext. 3586) if you have any questions. Out-of-towners who want to stay the night, and Missoula-area folks who wish to open their homes, call Jim Hogan (ext. 3413).

Correction

The Idaho Panhandle NFs employees who rescued a man from the St. Joe River, as featured in issue #10, were from Avery, rather than Fernan District, at the time of the rescue. Thanks again Laurie Johnson for your research and a good article.

News Briefs, continued from page 8

Combined Federal Campaign Begins

Forest Service employees throughout the Region again have an opportunity to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Conducted in cooperation with the United Way campaign, CFC is a once-a-year, on-the-job solicitation of Federal employees on behalf of private charitable agencies. Scott Bixler, RO Recreation, Wilderness & Lands, and chairman for the Missoula County CFC, said keyworkers are designated for each of the Forest Service offices in the county to conduct the campaign in their units. Missoula County's CFC goal is \$37,500; the Forest Service share is \$24,200.

Personnel Actions

BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

ELZIG, KATHLEEN, frstr tech, BLM, transfer, SO
MCFARLAND, LIZ, physical sci tech, Wisdom RD, career cond appt
MULLEN, LAURA, frstr, Wise River RD, career cond appt
SHUSTER, WILLIAM, wildl biol, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre & Gunnison NF, reassign, Madison RD
WISEMAN, RON, wildl biol, Madison RD, reassign, Dillon RD

CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST

AICHER, DAVID, district ranger, Sioux RD, award
ALPERT, DANIEL, frstry tech, Sioux RD, award
AUGARE, JUDY, clk, Sioux RD, award
BAIER, ZONA, resource clk, Sioux RD, award
BASSETT, DEAN, suprvry civil engng tech, SO, award
BATES, CURTIS W., forest supv. on SO, reassignment
BINANDO, CATHERINE, forestry aid, Beartooth RD, award
BLANCHARD, MARCIE, frstry tech, Sioux RD, award
BOWEN, PAMELA, geol, McKenzie RD, promotion
BROWN LETA, information asst, SO, promotion
BURKHARDT, BARRY, geologist, SO, award
COATES, GARY, civil eng tech, SO, award
CORDELL, ROBERT, frstry aid, Sioux RD, award
CORDELL, TAMMY, frstry aid, Sioux RD, award
DEBOW, MATTHEW, frstry aid, Sioux RD, award
DALTON, DOLORES, biol aid, Sioux RD, award
FISHBURN, JAMES, forester, SO, award
GREY EAGLE, BENNEDICT, frstry aid, Sioux RD, award
GRINDE, CYNTHIA, resour clk, transf from Deerlodge NF to McKenzie RD
HAMILTON, ROBIN, resour spec, reassign on Fish Lake NF and award
HEGGEN, SUE, admin asst, SO, promotion
INMAN, JOHN, forester adm, SO, award
KOSKI, ALICE, inf recpt typ, Beartooth RD, award
LAPOINT, HALCYON, archeologist, Medora RD, award
LOGAN, JOHN, B & F officer, SO, award
MACIVOR, JOHN, prom to Ashland District Ranger, from Prescott NF
MCNICOLL, M. CECILIA, rge con, reassign from Sioux RD to Clearwater NF and award
MUCHOWSKI, MARY, frstry tech, Sioux RD, award
ODELL, CHARLES, range tech, Sioux RD, award
ODELL, MICHAEL, range tech, Sioux R.D. award
ORTEGA, STEVEN, range con stud tr, Sheyenne RD, award
PAINTNER, WAYNE, forest admin, McKenzie RD, award
PECK-MONIAK, KAREN, lead forestry tech, Ashland RD, award
PETRONI, MARK, supv forester, formerly of the Ashland RD, award
PFAU, JAMES, hiway engr, Medora RD, award
PHILLIPE, TODD, pub aff spec reassign fr McKenzie RD to Black Hills NF
PHILLIPS, KENNETH, civil eng tech, Sioux RD, award
PINC, ELIZABETH, frstry tech, Sioux RD, award
POTTS, LARRY, forester, SO, award
PRIEVE, STEVEN, forester, Medora RD, award
ROBINSON, CHARLENE, SSS, Ashland RD, award
ROSE, PATRICIA, range aid, Sioux RD, award
SCHALLER, GEORGE, resource asst, Beartooth RD, reassignment to SO
SCHMUNK, LEE, forester, Sioux RD, award
SEXTON, MARK, frstry tech, Sioux RD, award
SHELL, JAMES, forester, SO, award
STAMPFEL, LORETTA, clk typ, Beartooth RD, award
STRATHER, SUSAN, frstry aid, Sioux RD, award
STREETER, KATHRYNE, range aid, Ashland RD, award
TURBIVILLE, GAIL, SSS, Sioux RD, award
VOEGELE, DIXIE, range con stud tr, Ashland RD, award
WEISSMAN, LYNN, range con, Medora RD, award

FLATHEAD NF

AKE, KATHY, clk typ, SO, promotion biological tech
ALBUTZ, MICHAEL, forester, Tally Lake RD, prom to Frstr (Silv) Lolo NF
BANGEMAN, DAN, civ eng tech Tally Lake RD, reassign Hungry Horse
BERGLUND, DOUG, forester, Lolo NF, reassign Supv Frstr, Tally Lake RD
BERGSTROM, ROGER, frstr tech Tally Lake RD, reassign Lewis & Clark
BODFISH, VICKI, carto tech, SO, promotion
CAWRSE, DAVE, frstr Tally Lake RD, reassign supv frstr Glacier View RD
GIETZEN, JANICE, clerk typist, SO, temp, promotion carto aid, Eng
HINZMAN, KEN, eng, SO, reassignment, Hungry Horse RD
JOHNSON, WAYNE, computers, SO, promotion to Chugach NF
KOWALICK, JAMES, Siuslaw NF, forester Hungry Horse RD
LUSK, KATHY, mgmt asst, SO, reinstatement
MANLEY, DEBBIE, forester, Kootenai NF, reassign Frstr, Tally Lake RD
MANNING, VIENNA, clk typ, Glacier View RD, prom to Compr Asst, SO
PING, BARG, forestry tech, Tally Lake RD, award

PIRKER, DAVE, budget & accounting/resources, SO, cash award
ROBBINS, WILLIAM, forestry tech, Tally Lake RD, prom & perf award
SIRUCEK, DEAN, Helena NF, reassignment soil scientist, SO
SMITH, LINDA, Kootenai NF, reassignment SO Eng
SODERSTROM, KEITH, resources, SO, cash award
SWOPE, BILL, FMO, Glacier View RD, award
TOTEN, GAYLE, budget & accounting, SO, cash award
WILSON, GEORGE, sup frstr, Glacier View RD, reassign resource forester
WILLITS, JAN, resources, SO, cash award

GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

BALLOU, WAYNE, frstr tech (dispatcher), Umatilla NF, SO
DESJARDINS, RON, frstr, SO, promotion
EVERETT, DAVID, frstr, Tongass NF, reassignment, SO
ENGLER, MARK, rge tech, Bozeman RD, career cond appt
HARCHARIK, DALE, appraiser, SO, promotion
LEITH, JEAN, pers asst, Intermountain Forestry Sciences Laboratory, reassign, SO
WINSLOW, SUSAN, eng tech, SO, resignation
WOMACK, KATHY, resour clk, SO, promotion

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

BEAVER, TERRY, forestry tech, Helena RD, award
BECK, BARBARA, RO appeals coord reassign to Townsend District Ranger
BOGAERT, JIM, forestry tech, Lincoln RD, reassign from Fire into BONNEY, BYRON, forestry tech, Lincoln RD, promotion to Clearwater NF
CHRISTENSEN, CHRIS, forestry aid, Townsend RD, award
ENGLISH, ROBERTA, clk typ, SO, promotion to information receptionist
FAIRCHILD, GARY, archeologist, SO, promotion
GARDNER, MARGARET, computer clk Lincoln RD, reassign to Clearwater HILL, ELIZABETH, hydro tech, SO, award
JIMENO, GERALD, supvr forester, Helena RD, promotion to Kootenai NF
LAING, LARRY, soil scientist, reassignment from Southwestern RO to SO
NEWMAN, REBECCA, surv tech, SO, award
OLSEN, LOIS, range con, Helena RD, award
PARRISH, KEITH, admin ofcr, reassignment to SO from Inyo NF
PARRISH, LORRAINE, public affair spec, reassign to SO from Inyo NF
PAYNE, DAVE, forester, reassign to Helena RD from Deer Lodge NF
PIERCE, SANDRA, clk typ Helena RD, Aug Employee of Month, Helena REED, JOLENE, admin ofcr, SO, transfer to Unita NF
SCOTT, DAVID, frstr tech, Lincoln RD, reassign from RnW&L into AFM
SHEEHY, DONNA, civil eng, SO, award
SIRUCEK, DEAN, soil scientist, SO, reassign to Flathead NF, and award
SMITH, DALE, forester, Lincoln RD, promotion
STOKES LAURA, frstr tech, Lincoln RD, Sept Employee of Month, Helena YURISH, ED, forestry tech, Helena RD, award
ZUBACK, KAROL, clk typ SO, prom to Timber, Lincoln RD, Clearwater NF

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

BURNETT, LOTTIE, SCSEP, SO, cash award
BUCKHAM, MARILYN, resource asst, SO, cash award
BUTLER, ROBERT, frstr, SO prom, Plng Group Leader, RO, San Francisco CHASE, TERESA, econ, reassign District Ranger understudy, Palouse RD DAUGHERTY, MICHAEL, frstr, St Maries RD, prom, supvr frstr, Modoc NF GEORGE, RONA, promotion, Resource clk.
HALLEK, DEBRA, pers clk, promotion, pers mgmt speclst, Chugach NF McCORD, BRENDA, frstr tech, St. Maries RD, reassign, realty spec, Clearwater NF OHMSTED, ROBERT, civil engr, SO, cash award
PRETTY-ON-TOP, CHARLENE, promotion, computer asst, Avery R.D. SEITZ, DAVID, budg & acctng ofcr, SO, cash award
SILVIS, CHARLES, frstr tech, Sequoia NF reassign, frstr tech, Avery RD SIMS, MARIE, fin asst, Bonners RD, prom supvr acct tech, Umpqua NF SMITH, CHERYL, budg & acctg anal, SO, cash award
TWIDT, DELLA, supvry res speclst, SO, cash award

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

ANDERSON, JACKY, fleet asst SO, ES, reassign supvr acct tech, R6, Wenatchee NF
ANDERSON-SOUCHEK, PAT, frstr Fisher River RD, prom frstr, Gallatin CALHOUN, S. CAROL, supply clk, SO, AS, pos chg, fleet asst, SO, ES CHAPEL, MARILYN, civil eng tech, West Zone, prom civil eng tech ELROD, ALICE, cc appt, frstr, Fortine RD
HAWLEY, DALE, land survy, R-9 Allegheny NF, prom supv land survy HERMANSON, KEVIN, pers staff spec Yellowstone NP, transfer pers mgmt spec SO
HOLDER, BETTY, resour clk, Fortine RD, prom resour tech, HURD, SHARYL, compr asst, SO, AS, promotion compr asst, SO, AS

Personnel Actions

JIMENO, GERALD, frstr, Helena NF, promotion, frstr, SO, TS
 JOHNSTON, JONETTE, acct tech, SO, AS, promotion acct tech, SO, AS
 KIDD, SANDRA, reinstatement, pers mgmt spec, SO, AS
 LAMB, FRANK, compr asst, SO, TS, promotion, comp specst, SO, TS
 LEACH, GAIL, frstr tech Libby RD, promotion, frstr tech, Libby RD
 LIND, RITA, resource clk, Three Rivers RD, reassign purch agnt
 LUNDIN, ALLISON, purch agnt, Three Rivers RD, reassign frstr tech
 MANLEY, DEBRA, frstr, Fortine RD, reassign, frstr Flathead NF
 MCNARY, DEBORAH, frstr tech, Cabinet RD, prom frstr tech, Cabinet RD
 NELSON, JOSEPH, mtnc wrkr, Fortine RD, award
 O'DRISCOLL, PEGGY, resource clk, Three Rivers RD, prom resource tech
 OECHSNER, MARINELL, envir spec, prom wildl biol Three Rivers RD
 POMEROY, BILLY, frstr tech Three Rivers RD, reassign wildl biol
 RATH, DICK, frstr tech, Fortine RD, reassign frstr tech, Gallatin NF
 ROMEY, MARK, frstr, Fisher River RD, reassign frstr, Gallatin NF
 SMITH, GREG, frstr, Libby RD, prom frstr, Libby RD
 VOTAPKA, JENNY, pers clk, SO, AS, promotion, supply clk, SO, AS
 WIDRIG, BILL, frstr tech, Fortine RD, reassign frstr tech,

LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL FOREST

JOHNSTON, PATRICIA, supervisory range conserv, promotion
 PADDICK, MARK, dorestry tech, KHRD, resignation
 PHILLIPS, WAYNE, ecologist, SO, reassignment
 WANDERAAS, DAVID, frstr, MRD, reassignment
 WANDERAAS, PATRICIA, comp clk, MRD, reassignment

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

BENES, STAN, supv frstr, Plains/TFalls RD, prom to frstr, Rapid River RD, Hiawatha NF, R9
 BERGLUND, DOUG, supv frstr, Superior RD, reassign to supv frstr, Tally Lake RD, Flathead NF
 GUSHEE, STEPHEN, civ eng tech, Plain/TFalls RD, prom to civ eng tech, Clear Creek RD, Arapaho-Roosevelt NF, R2
 HACKMAN, HARDEE, civ eng tech Missoula RD, conv to career cond appt, Lolo SO, tech serv, eng mtnc, East Zone
 SLAUGHTER, STEPHEN, frstr, Butte RD, Deerlodge NF, reassign to frstr, Superior RD.
 STENSRUD, REBECCA, frstr tech, Lolo SO, prom to sec typing.
 WINEBRENNER, NED, supv frstr tech, Plains/TFalls RD conv to career cond appt, lead frstr tech

NEZ PERCE NATIONAL FOREST

ARNZEN, JILL, law enforcement clk, SO, reassignment
 BRANDVOLD, LARRY, frstr tech, Clearwater RD, cash award
 BRAUNBERGER, EMA, oper resour analyst, SO, career cond
 CLARKIN, KIM, hydrol, Red River RD, career cond
 DENHAM, JOSEPH, frstr tech, Elk City RD, cash award
 DIDIER, RAENETTE, supp serv supv, Selway RD, cash award
 EMERY, PHILLIP, frstr tech, Elk City RD, cash award
 ENGSTLI, GAYLE, pers clk typ, SO, career cond
 FOWLER, WILLIAM, supv civil eng, SO, cash award
 GLEED, GORDON, frstr tech, Elk City RD, cash award
 GORMLEY, LILLIAN, purch agnt, Red River RD, promotion
 HARPER, DAVID, frstr, Salmon River RD, reassignment
 HOCHMUHT, GEOF, frstr tech smkjmpr, SO, cash award
 MENDENHALL, THOMAS, fish biol, reassign Pacific NW Research Station to Nez Perce NF
 MILLER, CATHERINE, resour clk typ, Elk City RD career cond
 MILLER, CATHERINE, resour clk typ, Elk City RD, cash award
 MOELLER, DEBRA, frstr tech, promotion, Ochoco NF to Nez Perce NF
 POST, ROBERT, frstr, Elk City RD, cash award
 ROBINSON, THOMAS, biol tech fish, Red River RD, reinstatement
 SARGENT, HOWARD, supv frstr, promotion Colville NF to Nez Perce NF
 SCHMIDT, THOMAS, frstr, Elk City RD, cash award
 SCHOON, JANICE, supp serv supv, Clearwater RD promotion
 SIMLER, DOUGLAS, frstr tech, Red River RD, cash award
 SMITH, ALEX, lead frstr tech smkjmpr, SO, cash award
 SMITH, MICHAEL, frstr aid, Elk City RD, cash award
 STOWELL, JR, FREDERICK, fish biol, SO, qual increase
 THOMPSON, JR, GERALD, frstr, reassign Colville NF to Nez Perce NF
 THOMPSON, LESLEY, rge conserv, reassign Wallowa-Whitman NF to Nez Perce NF
 VACHOWSKI, BRIAN, supv frstr, promotion Bighorn NF to Nez Perce NF
 WAGNER, KARINE, clk typ, Elk City RD, cash award
 WEIGAND, GERALD, frstr, reassign from Clearwater RD to SO
 WEIGAND, GERALD, frstr, SO, cash award
 WOOD, MARK, frstr tech, Moose Creek RD, reinstatement
 WOODMAN, KENNETH, frstr tech, prom from Boise NF to Nez Perce NF
 WRIGHT, WAYNE, civ eng tech, SO, cash award
 ZEHNER, ALLISON, frstr tech, Moose Creek RD, cash award

REGIONAL OFFICE

ANDERSON, PATTY, comp prog anal, MS promotion
 ARANT, SARA, clerk, MS, temp appt
 BABCOCK, NONA, comp prog anal, WO-NHG, reassign to TCFPM
 BATEMAN, ARLENE, claims spec, ADM, cash award
 BATES, CURT, frstr, R-2, promotion, for supv Custer NF
 BECK, BARBARA, arch, RNWL, reassign, frstr Helena NF, Townsend RD
 BROWN, ANITA, prog asst MS, prom comp asst Forestry Science Lab
 BURMARK, BRAD, ora, PP&B, reassign, ora, R-6 Willamette NF
 CAVILL, JOHN, supv mech engr, MTDC, 2 cash awards & QSI
 COVERT, DELYNN, vis inf spec, MTDC, cash award
 COTE, TED, vis inf spec, MTDC, cash award
 DAVIS, LAURA, comp asst, MTDC, cash award
 DENNY, ROBERTA, clerk, WL, resign
 DEWOLF, STACIE, res spec, TCFPM, cash award
 DVORAK, JUNE, fin asst, MTDC, cash award & QSI
 FEATHER EARRING, MICHELLE, stud tr bus mgmt, Lolo NF, temp appt, clerk, PP&B
 FILIUS, DAVE, for supv, Custer NF, prom, R-9, Superior NF for supv
 GASVODA, DAVE, elec engr, MTDC, cash award
 GAUMER, RON, spec wri/edi, MTDC, QSI
 GILHAM, BERTHA, frstr, R-4, promotion to Btr NF for supv
 GLEVKIK, DOUG, frstr, PP&B, promotion
 GOMM, LYLE, frstr, R-4, reassign PP&B, frstr
 HAKER, JANE, supp serv supvr, L&C NF, promotion A&FM, adm off HALL, DEBBY, pers off, Coast Guard-AK, reassign supvr class & pay spec, PM
 HALL, GALEN, bud off, R-10, pers mgmt spec, PM
 HAYDEN, WINDY, mech engr tech, MTDC, cash award
 HENSLER, ROBERT, pub wri/edi, MTDC, cash award
 HOLLAND, BRENDA, pub wri, MTDC, cash award & QSI
 HUEY, MIKE, mech engr tech, MTDC, cash award
 JASUMBACK, TONY, mech engr, MTDC, 2 cash awards
 JENSEN, MARK, eco, RAWE, cash award
 JENSEN, NELS, supv airc pilot, A&FM, prom air oper off, WO-A&FM, Boise
 JORDAN, DOTY, hiway engr, cash award
 KARSKY, DICK, mech engr, MTDC, cash award & QSI
 KAUTZ, JIM, audio/vis prod spec, MTDC, cash award
 KAY, MARTY, mail clerk, MS, reinstate
 KAYSER, AL, land surv, ENGR, reassign R-9
 KELLY, TERRI, comp clerk, MTDC, resign
 KILBORN, KEN, frstr, TCFPM, reassign to NE Exp Station, New Hampshire
 KNUDSON, BOB, gen engr, MTDC, cash award retire
 KUEHNE, SANDY, fin asst, MTDC, cash award
 KULESZA, BERT, frstr, RAWE, cash award
 MAIER, NEAL, mech engr tech, MTDC, cash award
 MANSFIELD, LOWELL, crim inv, ADM, cash award
 MARSHALL, RICHARD, ind eco, M&G promotion
 MCGOWAN, SUE, clerk, MTDC, temp appt TCFPM clerk
 MCMENUS, KERRY, soc sci, PP&B, temp promotion
 MCMURRAY, GAYLE, airc disp, R-10, reassign IO prog asst
 MEYER, VERN, for prod tech, WO-NHG, reassign TCFPM
 MILODRAGOVICH, ELI, mech engr, MTDC, cash award
 MORIN, TAMMIE, comp clerk, IO, temp appt
 MORRISON, GARY, geo, M&G, cash award, retire
 MOURITSEN, DIANE, sup serv supv, IPNF, reassign WL, prog asst
 NETTLETON, TOM, equip spec, MTDC, cash award
 NYGARRD, ROSA, comp prog anal, RAWE, promotion
 OLIVAREZ, JIM, rge con, R-6, promotion RAWE rge con
 OTT, GENIE, micr cont clk, RWL, career cond appt WO, secy
 PLYMALE, PAULA, acct, ADM, promotion
 PRITCHARD, JOYCE, clerk, IO, reinstate
 PIERCE, DAVE, equip spec, MTDC, QSI
 PUTNAM, TED, equip spec, MTDC, cash award
 RICHARDSON, RODD, frstr, R-4, promotion WL, wil bio
 ROULLIER, DICK, supv compr sys anal, MS cash award
 RUSS, BETTY DEE, secy, M&G, QSI
 TESORO, RAY, geo, Deerlodge NF, promotion M&G, geo
 THOMPSON, BRAD, comp clerk, MTDC, temp appt
 TOMASCAK, WALT, frstr, A&FM, cash award
 TOUR, JIM, mech engr, MTDC, cash award
 TUTTLE, MIKE, clerk, ENGR, temp appt
 VANDERWALL, KRISTI, compr spec, MS, promotion, supv comp sys anal
 WAGENFEHR, CLAUDIA, prog asst, PP&B, reassign MS prog asst
 WATSON, MICHELLE, conv clerk, RNWL, termination
 WYATT, BILL, supv mech engr, MTDC 2 cash awards

FS and BLM Co-Sponsor Field Trip

by George Regas, Elk City District

Elk City Ranger District and the Cottonwood Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management, together sponsored a resource management field trip in August. Outfitters, recreationists, miners, and timber industry representatives joined agency personnel in the tour.

A major objective was to examine the relationships between land managers (agency and private), and to emphasize the importance and advantages of joint management and good communication between the different groups. The integrated approach to resource management was discussed at various stops on the tour, such as cultural resource sites, timber sales, dispersed recreational areas, an active mining operation, a watershed rehabilitation project, and fish and wildlife projects.



Kim Mitchell, Elk City Resource Assistant, explains coordination that occurs between various disciplines and agencies in the installation of a culvert. Photo by Dan Dirschell, Elk City.

Ideas were willingly shared during the tour. One important result was that participants expressed their care and involvement with the land based on their family's roots; recognition was given to the mutual interest of all partners in taking care of the land. Insight and understanding was expanded concerning the different values, experiences, and perceptions of individuals attending.

The trip helped create trust and credibility among the participants.

This first cooperative field trip spurred a commitment by the two agencies to increase the level of community involvement in their activities and programs and to provide more opportunities for interaction and information exchange. Local residents are being contacted to find out what their interests are so that future trips can be more responsive.

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